

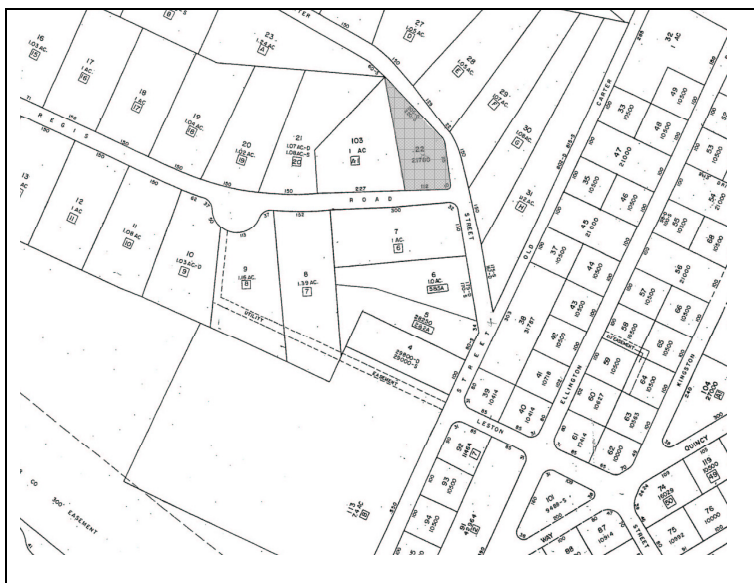
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 142 Carter Street

Historic Name: William & Abigail Gray House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: c1875

Source: Assessors Records, Deeds, & Style

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (with dates):

Possibly a portion of the house may date to c1822

Condition: Fair

Moved: no ☐ yes ☐ **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.5 Acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBUURY

142 CARTER STREET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The large Italianate house at 142 Carter Street is L-shaped in plan. The two-and-a-half story main house and the one-and-a-half story side (south) ell are connected to a one-and-a-half story gable ell (east). The ell is wrapped by an enclosed one story porch. The five by one building rests on a granite foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two chimneys pierce the ridge of the main roof; a third chimney is an interior end chimney in the side ell; and a fourth chimney pierces the ridge of the rear gable ell. The side ell is three by one bays. A one story porch extends across the south façade of the side ell. The walls of the dwelling are clad in aluminum siding. Although replacement siding may have removed ornamental details, some character defining features of the Italianate farmhouse include the twin interior chimneys, the symmetrical façade, and the projecting hood over the main entrance. The main entrance is flanked by narrow sidelights enframed by a simple post and lintel surround. A secondary entrance is located in the southernmost bay of the side ell's south facade. Typical fenestration is 6/6 replacement sash windows.

The house is similar in design to the house at 142 Carter Street (MHC#).

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Originally a house at 142 Carter Street was owned by members of the Carter family. Historic maps and atlases indicate the house was occupied in 1852 by GS Carter, possibly George Carter, and in 1875 by Mrs. J Carter. Mrs. J Carter was Judith (Mace) Carter, the wife of John Carter (1796-1866), a farmer. The Carter's married in 1822. They had two children, Harriet and John J. John J Carter became a farmer like his father and operated a dairy farm at 1624 Main Street in the early 1900s.

Although the extant house predates the 1870s, it externally appears to date from the 1870s with its Italianate Style. In 1875 the house was sold to William A Morse and subsequently sold again the same year to Abigail and William Gray. It is possible that the Gray's substantially remodeled or expanded the Carter House. An internal investigation might indicate an earlier construction date.

The house and 25 acres was sold by the Gray heirs in 1959.

Subsequent owners include: Winifred Colbath and Eva Twombly, daughter's of George Gray (1959-1964); John Bell (1964); Sullivan Homes (1965); Louis & Irene Manno (1965); Linda & Merton Curtis (1965-1981); Linda Curtis (1981-2008); and Dionne & Matthew Squire (2008)

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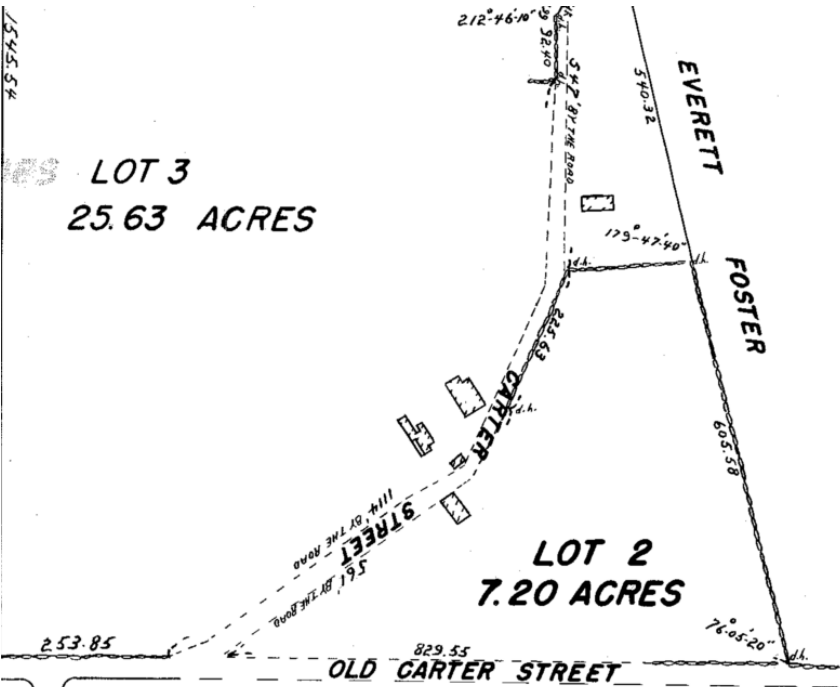
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1958 plot of George Gray Land

